Preliminary Amendment

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THYMIDYLATE KINASE

Remarks

Please cancel claims 47-54 as requested in the Request for Filing A Divisional Patent Application Under Rule §1.53(b), filed concurrently herewith.

The drawings submitted herewith reflect an amendment to Figure 6b that was requested and entered in the parent application. Specifically, the label on the lower sequence has been corrected to read "SEQ ID NO:3," which is supported in the specification at, for example, page 10, line 29. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for

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